

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuit / DUI Arrest

Location: Main St. / 101 Freeway

Date/Time Occurred: 3-14/21 @2013 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Saul Avalos 32 yrs., Oxnard Resident.

Report #: 21-16372

Narrative:

On 3-14-21 at approximately 2001 hours, the Ventura Police Communications Center received a citizens report of a possible DUI driver in the area of Harbor Blvd and Seaward Ave. The reporting party said the driver of the vehicle was veering out of his lane and almost struck several other vehicles on the roadway as he crossed the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic. Ventura Police Patrol Officers located the vehicle driving in the area of Main St. and Donlon St. and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to yield and continued to drive onto the 101 freeway Southbound from Main St. Officers pursued the vehicle at speeds up to 60 mph until it exited the freeway at Victoria Ave. The vehicle stopped in the area of Sperry Ave. South of Valentine Rd., where the driver was taken into custody without further incident.

During a subsequent investigation, it was determined that the driver of the vehicle, Saul Avalos, was driving under the influence of alcohol. Avalos was arrested for Misdemeanor evading, driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a BAC of .08% or more.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.